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your manner of speaking to me on the subject of Henry could not fail to interest me deeply in his behalf. not
but what I was intended for him before - I said I had had the same feelings with yourself respecting him. I told
you I was in danger - I looked upon him as a brother and if ever I heard with concern for the salvation and progress of any one
it was for him - I looked upon him as the only one to whom I could comfort myself in the only one to make a
viewing him in this light and viewing your situation I should be follow in the steps
of his former brothers I could not but implore the God of Heaven to have mercy
upon him. Sarah Ann I do not make these ^{remarks} because I wish you borrow trouble or to
be harassed with the idea that Henry is in the road to ruin - far from it. but as you
said Sarah Ann. said there is danger - he is surrounded by temptations - now then
what can we do to prevent all evil consequences? can we talk with him? we can but
if he once becomes inclined to the evil we read, our talking can never save him.
I cannot resist the inclination for I am extremely anxious
See the other side
to hear from you; and as I intend to remain here until
the anniversary, which comes in two weeks from next
Wednesday, I should not be able to hear from you before
I went to Connecticut unless I wrote now - therefore you
see I have commenced this epistle and wish you to
answer it in the course of the present or the next week.
Well I suppose the first thing I must give you an
account of my ride to Andover. After I left you and
we had proceeded about half way to Dover I recollected
that I had left my cloak - I thought of coming back
but thinks I to myself I will say, you will have bad
luck - so I came on to Exeter and waited for it until
the next day as the driver said he would send it on.
I staid over night at parson Rowlands with his son, a
classmate of mine as you recollect. In the evening there
were several ladies present who came to visit the
parson's daughters - one from Portland - one from Charles
ton South Carolina and the remainder natives I believe
I thought I to myself I wish I were back at the Major's
again - I found Gale also, another classmate, there and
went with him to see the academy and so passed the
time until 9 o'clock Wednesday morning when having
received my cloak - I left Exeter with much less reluctance
than I did B - the morning before - Nothing strange
happened on the road except we had a stage load of ~~baggage~~

ladies and hardly any talking - they were the stillest
set of females I ever met. When I arrived at this fountain
head of theology I found my old friends all glad to see me,
and most of them well, some however were nearly blind in
consequence of studying Hebrew. Swett is well and the first
evening I had to devote to answering ^{his} enquiries - I also
on looking in my blue-coat pocket found the lost key, which
I wished to find when I called to see you in the morning
of Sarah Ann I shall think of that morning and the evening
precious, often, very often until I have the pleasure of seeing
you again. I wished to remain longer in the morning but
my feelings would not let me. I have now just got settled
down and am going on with the study of Hebrew as 25 chapters
are required in order to enter the next class - In order to
read these I shall be obliged to spend most of the vacation
here. ~~at~~ The vacation is five weeks - I intend spending only
two at home and to make my study an excuse for so
short a stay and then if possible I shall redeem one week
more to visit you. I shall not go to Boston until ~~at~~ after the
anniversary. I have written to Perkins telling him my intention
of coming to ~~Berwick~~ and requesting him not to mention it
now don't you let him know that I have told you and see
whether he can keep a secret of little importance if he can it
may be safe to trust him farther. There is a student here by the
name of Clarke who was acquainted with Mrs Holton before she
was married and says that she was a girl of fine accomplishments
and that he had been told before that she had almost thrown herself
away (and I, you know, am fully of his opinion) when she married
Holton. You recollect McClure from Boston Miss Charlotte
said something about him once and I told ^{her} he was dissipated
He was so while in Yale; and after he went to Amherst he
was then the vilest of the vile. I suppose however no worse than
when in Yale - for when there (forgive my freedom) I have seen him

my profession, become wise & happy - and drink deep into the spirit of my master - Oh this is a glorious work - a glorious cause. I must now close - and could I find words ~~more~~ ^{express} intoxicated - he was a sinner - and had illicit intercourse with females so often that his countenance became sallow, pale and emaciated - he made a mock and derision of every thing serious and in the revival at Amherst he was one of the most bitter opposers - but notwithstanding all this he has become pious the grace of God has been victorious - he has turned from his evil ways and now gives evidence that he is a christian - Oh Sarah Ann is there not something real, something divine and omnipotent in that religion which can work such a change? He has been studying Hebrew a while here and we are now going to recite together - he will join the class with me this fall. I have more than miscellaneous matter that I might write which might be interesting to you but I omit it now for want of room. At the commencement of the term I will send you the order of my exercises for the day - for you must know every half hour here has its appropriate duty. At present we rise at 5 go to ^{the} workshop $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour (of which I have given Weeks a brief description) then my roommate and I attend prayers the next $\frac{1}{2}$ and prepare for study - at 6 o'clock prayers in chapel and breakfast - then after private devotion spend time in study until 11 when we work another $\frac{1}{2}$ hour - Dine at one - at 2 o'clock ^{recite} ~~commence~~ study again ~~recite~~ then study & recite or attend a lecture at 4 - after lecture work another $\frac{1}{2}$ hour - have supper and there is some meeting ^{or other} to occupy every evening - I will send you a more definite account when I get regulated next term. so that at any hour of the day you may know what I am doing - at 9 in the evening we attend prayers and I then remember my promise to think of you at that hour - this may seem trifling to fix upon a certain hour to think of each other - but why it is I cannot tell, there is something extremely pleasing in it to me - it doubles the pleasure I take in thinking of you when I am conscious that at the same moment you are thinking of me - it seems as if our spirits left their tenements for a moment and unimpeded by distance met midway to give each other an affectionate embrace - seems it not thus to you? There is something in love, that can be felt but cannot be described which binds the heart and makes every thing which tends to bring the object on which it is fixed clearer to the mind extremely interesting and important however unimportant in itself considered - this it is that makes our recollection of each other at nine so interesting to me - though in itself it ^{may be} ~~trivial~~ ^{See 1st page for what comes next} I would tell you again and again how my affection for you - and ~~innumerable~~ ^{for you} - let us both be one in sentiment and in feeling - write me soon - tell me every thing that has happened in the family - about your

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father - Edmund & wife - and come to Boston as soon as you can - if I come on before
the Commencement of the next term I hope you will be able to come on
with me - so make your calculations - Tell me all about S. B. Burleigh Ma.
Mary Thompson - or you &c &c Yours sincerely forever Amos A. Phelps.
Don't be melancholy - tell me if Mrs Roberts said any thing about my stay Monday night
and if she did what - how soon she goes to Boston - any thing from Belvidere and from
you will be interesting - At least Saturday night I was writing to Mrs. S. B. B.
Send your love to the overseer by the way of Mrs. B. B. B. - Please to keep them so that they may
be entered - remember me to little Susan - A. A. P.